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VESSEL WHEREIN MATERIALS  
ARE ISOLATED AND STORED  
AND METHOD TO SEAL THE  
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**TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)**

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant arts along with the FORM PTO-1449 which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

A. Patent Abstract of Japan No. JP 07 300162 A published on November 14, 1995 by the European Patent Office;

B. French Patent No. FR 1 562 857 A published on April 11, 1969 by the French Patent Office; and

C. UK Patent Application Publication No. GB 2 371 286 A published on July 24, 2002 by the United Kingdom Patent Office.

The above-listed prior arts A through C are all cited in the European Search Report of August 31, 2004, issued to the EPC Application No. EP 04 25 2858 which is a counterpart application to the above-identified U.S. application. A copy of the European Search Report is enclosed. Though the prior art B is not in the English language, the Search Report is written in English and the degree of relevance is indicated therein by way of the markings of A's and X's

along with the explanation of such markings. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance for this non-English language prior art is satisfied, and an English concise explanation thereof is omitted herein.

A Partial European Search Report of August 31, 2004 issued to the EP 04 25 2858 is also enclosed herein.

In view of the above, it is therefore respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant arts and consider them.

Respectfully submitted,

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